Rs. 8.01 crore and Rs. 9.99 crore have been released to Gujarat during 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08, respectively, for mega city policing. Further, an amount, of Rs. 2.00 crore each during 2005-06 and 2006-07 and an amount of Rs. 1.49 crore during 2007-08 has been released to Gujarat for Desert Policing.

Police strength in Delhi

1321. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

the total strength of the Police force in the capital as on December, 2007;

whether this force is sufficient to provide security to senior dignitaries and also maintain law and order in the capital;

the steps being taken to modernize the force and also increase the strength keeping in view the ever growing population of the capital; and

the steps being taken to improve the state of alertness of the Police force to meet any eventuality in the capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (b) The total sanctioned strength of Delhi Police including India Reserve Battalions, as on December, 2007 is 69645. Strengthening of the Police force is a continuing process. The Strength of Delhi Police is reviewed from time to time and additional manpower is sanctioned depending upon the exigency of service and availability of resources. 5000 posts of various ranks were sanctioned for Delhi Police on 13.9.2007 for making arrangements for Commonwealth Games, 2010.

A scheme for Modernisation of Police Forces in UTs has been introduced in the year 2006-07. Under this scheme, an amount of Rs. 10 crore and Rs. 116.4 crore has been sanctioned to Delhi Police during 2006-07 and 2007-08 respectively to meet its modernization requirement.

The steps taken by Delhi Police to improve state of alertness of the Police force in Delhi include regular analysis of trend of crime, improvement in the beat system of patrolling; identification of Police Stations with high rate of crime and provisions of additional manpower and motorcycle patrols to such Police Stations; rationalizing the timing for patrolling to maximize its effectiveness; development of intelligence about movement of desperate criminals; multi-tasking of Police Control Room Vans; establishment of Crime against Women Cell; deployment of staff in plain cloth at vulnerable places; starting of dedicated'Women Helpline' in the Police Control Room; constitution of 'Women Mobile Team' to attend to distress calls from women on round the clock basis; setting up of 'Senior Citizens Security Cell' at the Police Headquarters; closer interaction with Residents Welfare Associations; and establishment of Mobile Crime Team equipped with sophisticated equipments and 'round-the-clock' deployment in each District. Moreover, a standing order has been circulated by Delhi Police on 25.2.2008 to all concerned to meet any disaster like eventualities in Delhi with the objectives to lay down the guidelines, frame the police response and render immediate assistance to the general public and dignitaries during such occurrence or terrorist attacks and to reduce the casualties to the minimum possible by providing immediate police assistance and hospitalisation of the affected persons so that proper relief and medical assistance could be provided.